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**(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for a continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

Systems and Methods for Characterizing a Biological Condition or Agent Using Precision Gene Expression

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification is attached hereto.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. Section 119(a)-(d))**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Such applications have been filed as follows.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**  
(35 U.S.C. Section 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<b>PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	<b>FILING DATE</b>
60/141,542	June 28, 1999
60/195,522	April 7, 2000

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120**

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<b>PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120:</b>				
<b>U.S. APPLICATIONS</b>		<b>Status</b>		
<b>U.S. APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>U.S. FILING DATE</b>	<b>Patented</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
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<b>PCT APPLICATION DESIGNATING THE U.S.</b>				
<b>PCT APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>PCT FILING DATE</b>	<b>U.S. APPLICATION NOS. ASSIGNED (IF ANY)</b>		

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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